(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken or being taken against the officials responsible for it; and

(e) the date by which the said file is likely to be provided to the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) In the course of investigation into defence procurements, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) had asked for files leading to the issue of instructions by the Ministry of Defence dated 17.4.1989, regarding ban on involvement of any agent/middleman in the purchase of weapons and weapon systems. Since these were old files, they could not be readily located. However, after special efforts the two relevant files were located and have been forwarded to the CVC on 21.7.2000.

Submission of Report of CVC

1110. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CVC has since submitted its interim report to Government of the multi crore defence deal scandal;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any further action on the basis of the interim report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir, Government have not received any report from the CVC on any multi-crore defence deal scandal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Relocation of families around DRDO Laboratory in Kanchanbagh

1111. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have directed the Andhra Pradesh Government to re-locate 300 families staying in and

around the Defence Research Development Laboratories in Kanchanbagh to an alternate site;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to assist the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Union Government has requested intervention of the Andhra Pradesh Government to issue instructions for clearing an area of 100 meters in width around Defence Research Development Laboratory in Kanchanbagh from inhabitation for security reasons.

(c) No specific proposal for assistance in this regard has been received from the State Government so far.

Missiles Impaired during repair

†1112. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Murammat main laparwahi se 28 missilen bekar' published in 'Dainik Jagran' of New Delhi dated the 2nd June, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action so far against the erring officials?

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (e) The facts quoted in the news item pertain to Strella—2M category of Missile. A total of 1145 Missiles of this category were procured between 1977 and 1988 in various lots. Out of these, only 28 missiles of lots procured in 1978 and 1982 failed in the first 12-13 years of shelf life. In-house efforts were made to repair these missiles. These efforts did not succeed, due to lack of technical

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.